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SUBJ: 4TH COMITE: PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES RESOLUTION

1. SPARKED BY INTERVENTION OF FRELIMO REP KHAN, WHICH OCCASIONED INTERVENTIONS BY OTHERS, CONSENSUS INFORMALLY REACHED ON DRAFT TABLED TODAY CONCERNING INQUIRY COMMISSION AND DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION BECAME UNRAVELED. THOSE PROPOSING AMENDMENTS WILL MEET WITH COSPONSORS THURSDAY, AND 4TH COMITE WILL NEXT MEET, HOPEFULLY TO VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS, NOVEMBER 9 P.M.

2. PRIOR TO PROPOSING CHANGES IN DRAFT RES ON COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (A/C4/L1035), KHAN CHARGED US COLLUSION WITH PORTUGUESE IN LATTER'S AFRICAN POLICY. ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, HE SAID, HAVE SPOKEN OUT AGAINST PORTUGUESE POLICY, US GOVERNMENT NEVERTHELESS HAS TRAINED PORTUGUESE PILOTS IN GERMANY AND THE US. ALTHOUGH FROM 1963 TO 1970 ONLY 27 PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE OFFICERS WERE TRAINED BY USG, NUMBER DRASTICALLY INCREASED IN 1971, ALONG WITH GREAT AUGMENTATION OF OTHER US AID TO LISBON. KHAN COMPARED REMARKS AT OCT. 5 PORTUGUESE MISSION PRESS
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CONFERENCE WITH ACTION FOLLOWING OUTBREAK OF MIDDLE EAST

HOSTILITIES THE NEXT DAY. AZORES, CRUCIAL FOR RESUPPLY,
ARE BEING USED BY US TO ASSIST ZIONIST ATTACK ON OAU
MEMBER EGYPT.

3. AS AMENDMENTS, KHAN SUGGESTED THAT PREAMBULAR
PARA 1 IN L1035 READ "DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE REPORTED
MASSACRES COMMITTED BY THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES IN
MOZAMBIQUE,". LINE 2 OF OPERATIVE PARA 2 WOULD READ,
"ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF PORTUGAL...".
NEW OPERATIVE PARA 4 WOULD READ, "REQUESTS THE SYG TO PROVIDE
THE COMMISSION ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL
TO CARRY OUT ITS TASK." THESE PROPOSALS, WHICH SCANS TELL
US WERE COMPLETELY UNCOORDINATED WITH COSPONSORS, LED TO
SUBSEQUENT CORRIDOR TONGUE-LASHING OF KHAN BY SWEDISH REP
SKOTTSBERG-AHMAN.

4. BY OPENING OF AFTERNOON SESSION, IT BECAME APPARENT
THAT BOTH RESES WERE FAIR GAME FOR CHANGE, WITH LIBYA
(RIFADI) LEADING OFF. LIBYANS SUGGESTED ADDING TO L1034:REV1
A PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH READING, "HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT
OF FRELIMO, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATED AS AN OBSERVER,
IN THE 4TH COMITE DURING THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE ITEM." MORE
IMPORTANT, HE WOULD ADD TO OPERATIVE PARA 1, LINE 4,
FOLLOWING "THEIR STRUGGLE," THE KEY PHRASE, "BY ALL
WAYS AND MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL". SOVIETS NEXT
QUARRELED WITH INQUIRY DRAFT, SAYING THAT RES MUST CITE
WHERE INQUIRY IS TO TAKE PLACE, AND MUST SPELL OUT
VIOLATOR AND NATURE OF CRIME. COMITE OF 24 CONSENSUS
ON WIRYAMU MUST BE BETTER REFLECTED IN RES. ETHIOPIA URGED
THAT COSPONSORS GO BACK TO DRAWING BOARD, BUT AFRICAN
GROUP PUBLICLY DIVIDED ON QUESTION WITH STATEMENTS FOR
AND AGAINST CHANGING TEXT MADE BY REPS OF NIGERIA, SUDAN,
KENYA, CAMEROON, MOROCCO, TOGO, ZAMBIA, SENEGAL, MALI.
OTHER SPEAKERS WERE REPS OF YEMEN, AUSTRALIA, AND DENMARK.

5. CANADIANS TELL US THEY TOO MAY FEEL COMPELLED TO
PROPOSE AMENDMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OMNIBUS RES.

6. EVEN BEFORE KHAN'S INTERVENTION, ALGERIANS TOLD
US THAT LIBYANS MIGHT WELL BLOCK CONSENSUS FORMULA ON
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INQUIRY RES, AND ASK FOR VOTE. WITH SUBSEQUENT DEVELOP-
MENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE, CONSENSUS APPROVAL REMAINS
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